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SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY PETROLEUM GEOLOGISTS

- 1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN CONTACTED BY GEORGE W. TRUMP, GEOLOGIST FOR AMOCO INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANY, WHO TOGETHER WITH GEOLOGIST GORDON BULGER HOPES TO VISIT MADAGASCAR OCTOBER 29 FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK TO COLLECT ROCK SAMPLES.
- 2. TRUMP AND BULGER WOULD LIKE TO VISIT TAR SANDS NEAR TULEAR, MAINTIRANO AND ANKARMY TO COLLECT SAMPLES WHICH WOULD HELP AMOCO TO ASSESS OIL PRODUCTION POTENTIAL IN THOSE AREAS. THEY WOULD BE CARRYING ONLY ORDINARY GEOLOGISTS' EQUIPMENT, AND NOT ANY SPECIALIZED PHOTOGRAHIC OR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.
- 3. TRUMP UNDERSTANDS THAT GDRM PERMISSION WOULD BE REQUIRED, AND DESIRES IF POSSIBLE TO HAVE DOCUMENT GRANTING SUCH PERMISSION IN HAND EITHER BEFORE ARRIVING MADAGASCAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR BEFORE BEGINNING SAMPLE COLLECTING ACTIVITIES. BOTH HE AND DEPARTMENT UNAWARE WHAT GDRM AGENCY SHOULD BE APPROACHED FOR SUCH PERMISSION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: BEFORE END OF WEEK, WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY ADVICE ON A) FEASIBILITY OF PROPOSED EXPLORATORY ACTIVITIES; B) IF SEEM FEASIBLE, APPROPRIATE

GDRM AGENCY TO BE APPROACHED FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT ACTIVITIES; C) TACTICS OF APPROACH. AT EMBASSY'S DISCRETION, PERHAPS INFORMAL SOUNDING COULD BE MADE WITH COMPETENT GDRM AGENCY ON LIKELIHOOD OF PERMISSION BEING GRANTED.

5. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS PROPRIETARY INFORMATION.

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